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Pastor's Conference schedule announced

2010 MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTOR'S CONFERENCE
October 25 - First Church, Jackson

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 p.m.
PRELUDE PRAISE
Freedomland Quartet, Union

1:30 p.m.
WORSHIP AND PRAISE
Paul Davis, *associate pastor and minister of music*
Northcrest Church, Meridian

1:45 p.m.
WELCOME
Dan Lanier, *2010 MPC president and senior pastor*
Northcrest Church, Meridian

PRAYER
Jason Howell, *pastor*
Amaziah Church, Hickory Flat

1:55 p.m.
Freedomland Quartet

2:00 p.m.
PRAYER
Scott Rogers, *pastor*
Wyatte Church, Senatobia

MESSAGE
Cliff Pace, *senior pastor*
Hernando Church, Hernando

2:35 p.m.
WORSHIP IN SONG
Paul Davis

2:40 p.m.
ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS
AND BUSINESS SESSION
Brett Golson, *MPC president-elect and senior pastor*
First Church, Louisville

2:50 p.m.
WORSHIP IN SONG
Second Mile, Philadelphia

3 p.m.
PRAYER
Ray Spence, *pastor*
Antioch Church, Union

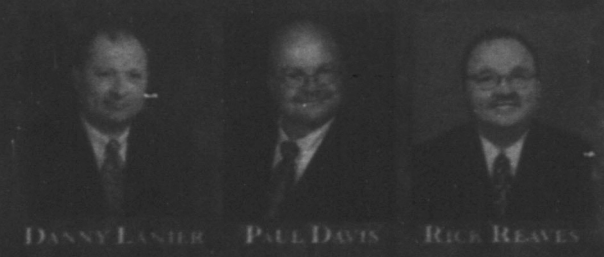
MESSAGE
Rick Reaves, *senior pastor*
Hill Crest Church
Anniston, Al.

3:35 p.m.
WORSHIP AND PRAISE
Paul Davis

3:40 p.m.
REPORT AND OFFERING
Otho Seals, *MPC treasurer and minister of education*
First Church, Columbia

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DANNY LANIER PAUL DAVIS RICK REAVES



KEVIN HAMM JUNIOR HILL CLIFF PACE

3:55 p.m.
PRAYER
Mike Grenn, *senior pastor*
North Columbia Church
Columbia

MESSAGE
Brett Golson

4:30 p.m.
CLOSING PRAYER
Phillip Gandy, *pastor*
Liberty Church, Waynesboro

EVENING SESSION

6:15 p.m.
PRELUDE PRAISE
Celebration Choir
Northcrest Church

6:30 p.m.
WORSHIP AND PRAISE
Paul Davis

6:35 p.m.
WELCOME AND PRAYER
Dan Lanier

6:40 p.m.
OFFERING
Forrest Sheffield, *senior pastor*
Harrisburg Church, Tupelo

6:50 p.m.
RECOGNITION OF RETIRED, INTERIM, AND
TRANSITIONAL PASTORS AND PRAYER FOR
PASTORS
Hal Bates, *senior pastor*
First Church, Collinsville

7:05 p.m.
WORSHIP AND PRAISE
Paul Davis

7:15 p.m.
PRAYER
Kara Blackard, *senior pastor*
Wheeler Grove Church
Corinth

MESSAGE
Junior Hill, *evangelist*
Hartselle, Al.

7:50 p.m.
WORSHIP IN SONG
Paul Davis

PRAYER
Clarence Cooper, *senior pastor*
Brandon Church, Brandon

MESSAGE
Kevin Hamm, *senior pastor*
First Church, Gardendale, Al.

8:35 p.m.
CLOSING PRAYER
Jim Futral, *Executive Director*
Miss. Baptist Convention Bd.
Jackson

Music training courses open for enrollment

JACKSON, Ms. (Special) — October 12 begins the sixth of eight courses at seven locations in Mississippi sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in cooperation with the Providence Learning Center of New Orleans Seminary.

The course, Music Administration/Staff Relations, will meet once a week for two hours for eight consecutive weeks at:

- **First Church, Lyman** — beginning October 12 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Louis White, teacher. (228) 832-2159.

- **Northcrest Church, Meridian** — beginning October 18 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Buddy McElroy, teacher. (601) 938-8668.

- **First Church, Cleveland** — beginning October 19 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Alan Berry, teacher. (662) 843-2701.

- **Easthaven Church, Brookhaven** — beginning October 19 (7-9 p.m.). Mark Hamilton, teacher. (601) 894-5848.

- **First Church, Starkville** — beginning October 19 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). Tom Jenkins, teacher. (662) 323-5633.

- **First Church, Booneville** — beginning October 21 (6:30-8:30 p.m.). LuAnne Ford, teacher. (662) 728-6272.

- **Broadmoor Church, Madison** — beginning October 25 (6:00-8:00 p.m.). Jimmy McCaleb, teacher. (601) 924-1233.

The other seven courses are Song Leading; Worship Planning; Reading Music; Rhythm/Pitch; Reading Music; Harmony/Melody; Hymnology; Survey of Church Music Resources; and Class Voice.

The courses are designed to provide basic training for bivocational music directors and other music leaders in churches.

The eight courses meet two hours per week. Each course is eight weeks in length. The cycle of courses is scheduled over a two-year period. Each course is independent and has no prerequisite. Each student who completes the eight

courses earns a certificate from the Providence Learning Center of New Orleans Seminary.

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$25.00. The cost of each course is \$125.00. A \$60.00 scholarship is available for all first-time students. Students already enrolled are not eligible. The grant is limited to one person per church.

For more information, contact the teachers listed above or Jimmy McCaleb via e-mail at mccaleb@cabinview.net. McCaleb's address is 515 Mississippi St., Jackson, Ms. Telephone: (601) 292-3273 or toll free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 273.

Jackson hotels, motels offer special rates for MBC

JACKSON, Ms. (Special) — Hotel/motel rates are effective October 25-27, in conjunction with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. When making reservations, be sure to ask for the Mississippi Baptist Convention rate.

- **Best Western Executive Inn**, 725 Larson St. (I-55 High St., Exit 96-B). \$79.99 single/double per night plus tax. Hot/cold breakfast. (601) 969-6555.

- **Cabot Lodge Millsaps**, 2375 North State St. \$89 single/double per night plus tax.

Hot/cold breakfast. (601) 948-8650.

- **Edison Walthall**, 225 E. Capitol St. (I-55 Pearl St. Exit 96-A). \$90 single/double per night plus tax. (601) 948-6161.

- **Hampton Inn**, 320 Greymont Ave. (I-55 High St. Exit 96-B). \$94 single/double per night plus tax. (601) 352-1700.

- **Holiday Inn Express**, 310 Greymont Ave. (I-55 High St. Exit 96-B). \$79 single/double per night plus tax. (601) 948-1466.

- **Regency Hotel**, 400 Greymont Ave. (I-55

High St. Exit 96-B) \$59 single/double per night plus tax. (601) 969-2141.

- **Cabot Lodge Jackson North**, 120 Dyess Rd., Ridgeland. \$89 single/double per night plus tax. Hot/cold breakfast. (601) 957-0757.

- **Comfort Inn**, 145 Soldier Colony Rd., Canton. \$62.99 single/double per night plus tax. Hot/cold breakfast. (601) 859-7575.

- **Holiday Inn Express**, 5569 I-55 South, Byram. \$89 single/double per night plus tax. Hot/cold breakfast. (601) 346-8118.

Obama moves to penalize Iraq leaders for persecutions

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) commended President Obama for issuing sanctions against Iranian government leaders involved in violations of religious freedom and other human rights.

The White House announced Sept. 29 the president's executive order authorizing sanctions against eight senior officials in Iran's Islamic regime who, based on credible evidence, participated in "serious human rights abuses" before or during that country's 2009 presidential election.

Obama's order means those cited will be subject to economic and visa penalties. He

took action under the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act, which became law in July.

"These targeted sanctions are the first of their kind and send a very strong message to Tehran," said Leonard Leo, chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). "The announcement today by the United States is an important step in addressing Iran's abysmal human rights and religious freedom record."

In May, USCIRF cited six of the eight Iranians named in Obama's order as officials who were responsible for "egregious religious freedom violations in Iran," Leo said. "We applaud this action and urge President Obama to engage our European Union counterparts to impose similar measures."

The commission urged Obama to extend sanctions to three other Iranian authorities it identified as human rights violators. The White House said the list of those penalized will grow as it gains more evidence.

Iran is one of eight "countries of particular concern," a designation reserved by the State Department for the world's worst violators of religious freedom.

Iran's regime has abused human rights for more than three decades, USCIRF said, and its weak record on religious liberty has declined further in the last year. This has been true especially in regard to minorities such as Baha'is, Christians and Sufi Muslims. "[P]hysical attacks, harassment, detention, arrests, and imprisonment [have] intensified," according to the commission. "Even the recognized non-Muslim religious minorities — Jews, Armenian and Assyrian Christians, and Zoroastrians — protected under Iran's constitution faced increasing discrimination and repression," USCIRF reported.

MBC preschool set

Preschool care will be available free of charge by pre-registration only, for ages birth through five years, at First Church, Jackson, during the 2010 Mississippi Baptist Pastor's Conference on October 25 and the 2010 annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on October 26-27. Preschool care will run from noon on October 25 until the close of the final session of the annual meeting at noon on October 27.

To pre-register, call Michelle Sansing, childcare coordinator, at (601) 949-1997. All children must be pre-registered by October 18.

The preschool departments are located on the street level off North State Street. Following are the procedures:

1. Pre-register, giving name and age of each child, the parents' names, and the family's home church.
2. Upon arrival at First Church, Jackson, pick up a security card for each child.
3. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
4. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
5. Leave the children no earlier than 15 minutes before the beginning of each session, and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the session.

Children may remain in the preschool area during the Convention lunch break on October 26, if parents provide a sack lunch.

Looking back

10 years ago

A Southern Baptist missionary family in Uganda escapes death after bandits pumped bullets into their car during an ambush attempt. Larry and Terry Singletary were able to turn their car around and make their way back to Karamoja, Uganda.

20 years ago

Chester Swor, 83, noted international Christian speaker and a mainstay of the student ministry movement in the Southern Baptist Convention, dies of cardiac arrest at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. He once estimated he traveled 1,000,000 miles in his life to spread the Gospel.

30 years ago

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention votes to continue its study on relocating its offices. Present offices are in Nashville; Memphis and Tulsa, Ok., are being considered.



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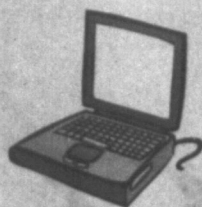
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"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Is this election that important?

Each generation of Americans blessed with the privilege of suffrage has likely had occasion to believe that their votes were crucial to the future of the Republic. Given the many political crossroads we have confronted in our short history, they were probably right.

There was the fateful election of 1860, when the elevation of Abraham Lincoln to the U.S. presidency brought to a deadly climax one of the most contentious and destructive issues to have ever faced the country. The ultimate result was the bloodiest conflict in which the U.S. has ever been involved and, sadly, it was among ourselves.

Not as historically well-known is the election of 1864, which returned Lincoln to power but also propelled Andrew Johnson, Lincoln's vice-president, into the presidency when Lincoln was assassinated. Johnson's hardball political bungling of Reconstruction is considered by many historians as having set the stage for more than one hundred years of the worst kind of divisiveness in our public discourse.

In 1932, destitute American voters elected Franklin D. Roosevelt, who promised to pull the country back from the brink of economic and social collapse. Many students of the era credit Roosevelt with doing just that, while others believe his heavy-handedness prolonged the Great Depression and its hardships.

Either way, most people would agree that his dynastic reign as president changed the country in ways that are still with us today. Elections have consequences. Elections in a democratic Republic like the United States have consequences that can last for a long time. Our generation has just such an election facing us in a few short weeks.

Nothing as monumental as slavery, or the rebuilding of a war-ravaged country, or the last-chance economic revitalization of the world is on the ballot this time, but November 2 will indeed be a fateful election that could well determine the future of this country.

The headlines scream, "Election 2010: Fate of Gay Marriage To Be Determined," and "California to Legalize Pot?"



Commentators of all and various stripes warn us that American society hangs in the balance. Reports of rallies in Washington and across the country that espouse completely different views of the country are commonplace on nightly news broadcasts.

The Ruling Class in Washington does not seem to have much respect for us. Former presidential candidate John Kerry, a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, recently told a reporter for The Boston Globe, "We have an electorate that doesn't always pay that much attention to what's going on so people are influenced by a simple slogan rather than the facts or the truth or what's happening."

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, speaking at the 2008 opening of the new Visitor's Center at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, said, "My staff has always said, 'Don't say this,' but I'm going to say it again because it's so descriptive because it's

true. In the summertime, because (of) the high humidity and how hot it gets here, you could literally smell the tourists coming into the Capitol, and that may be descriptive but it's true. Well, that is no longer going to be necessary."

The manifold insults and slights generated by political elitists, who are technically employees of the very people they are offending, are matched only by the pronouncements of Hollywood types who, like many of our elected leaders, believe they have been magically granted some intellectual superiority over average Americans.

Much is at stake in this election for American Christians, too. Some of the Talking Heads have said that social issues have almost no bearing in this election, that this election is about the tea party and ObamaCare and the scope of government. Don't believe them.

The people we elect to office on November 2 will be representing us in debates on abortion, gambling, drug legalization, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, sanctity of marriage, and a host of other issues that will drive the direction of this country for a long time to come and determine the civic value of the lives our children and grandchildren will lead.

Vote on November 2. Choose wisely after much prayer. It's that important. Like always, a lot is at stake.

NAMB president: prepare for 'considerable change'

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP and local reports) — Telling North American Mission Board (NAMB) staff that "considerable change" is coming, new president resident Kevin Ezell shared a retirement incentive with employees that will be the beginning of an overall reduction in force in the months ahead.

Details of the incentives were shared at a meeting on Sept. 30. "There are a lot of changes and some things coming down the road. I don't know what all of those are," Ezell told the NAMB staff at the mission board's offices in Alpharetta, Ga. "Knowing that there are changes coming and not knowing who exactly that would involve, we wanted to offer an incentive to those who might already be thinking about retirement."

Ezell said it was important to announce the incentive at this time in order to coincide with a significant change GuideStone Financial Resources has



Ezell

announced in its annuity funding rate beginning Jan. 1, 2011. GuideStone, the Southern Baptist Convention entity based in Dallas and formerly known as the Annuity Board, handles retirement programs and investments for employees and others across the spectrum of Southern Baptist life, from SBC agencies to state Baptist Conventions to local churches.

GuideStone is reducing the floor funding for its lifetime annuity payments from the current six percent rate to prevailing industry rates.

Ezell described the incentive as "the first phase" in what will be a series of staff changes coming to NAMB.

"Is this it? No," he said. "We don't know the extent as to what will happen, but we do know that this will be the first phase. That's why we want you to at least look and see. 'To be sure, we are being very clear — this is the very best incentive we could

come up with. It's the best option that will be available."

Ezell compared the changes coming to NAMB to a company that had been making washing machines and now will be making cars.

"There is going to be considerable change," Ezell said. "A lot of the changes will not be directed to competency of people because we are going to be doing some things so drastically different. What does that look like specifically, I don't know yet but we are working on that as fast as we can."

Currently, 258 people serve on NAMB's staff in Alpharetta. An additional 34 direct-paid missionaries who serve throughout North America are among those eligible for the incentive. Those taking advantage of the plan will need to retire by Dec. 31.

For more information on the GuideStone changes, visit www.guidestoneretirement.org/FormsandFAQs/FAQs/Annuity%20Funding%20Rate.aspx.

Ezell pastored Highview Church in Louisville, Ky., before his election by NAMB trustees on Sept. 14 to serve as

the third president of NAMB. He replaces Geoff Hammond, who resigned in August 2009. Bob Reccord served as the first NAMB president.

The North American Mission Board was created in a 1995 reorganization of Southern Baptist Convention agencies. The reorganization combined the ministries of the Home Mission Board in Alpharetta, Ga., the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, and the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth.

The new entity set up shop in the Home Mission Board's newly-constructed complex in Alpharetta, which was built after the Home Mission Board sold its property in downtown Atlanta and moved to suburban Alpharetta.

According to the NAMB website, "The North American Mission Board assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission in the United States, Canada and their territories through a North American strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries, in cooperation with Acts 1:8 Partners."

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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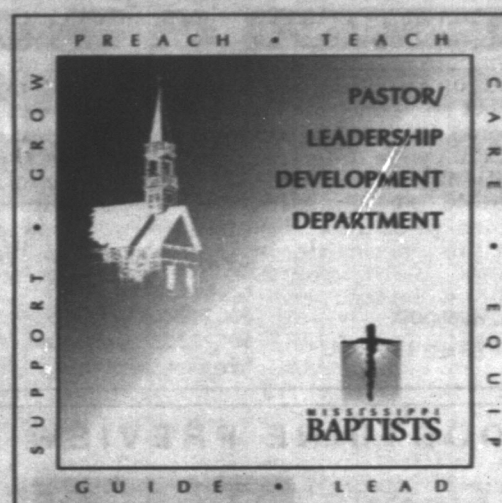
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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John Three: Sixteen

CONTEMPT FOR CONTEMPORARY; TESTY ABOUT TRADITIONAL

Anyone who has gone to church in the last 10 years can probably guess the subject with which I am dealing, simply from reading the title of the article. Music has often been front and center of church discussions and even debates. Through the centuries, it has often been Hot Topic Number One. At times, music has been the source of unification for the people of God and at other times, it has separated the people of God.

It is not unusual in the same congregation for me to run into someone who has total contempt for contemporary Christian music, and on the other side I may meet someone whose emotional engine is revved up and they are testy about traditional music. While it would be impossible to solve all of these situations in this one article, or in a book, or in volumes of books, let me just make some observations that may be helpful to all of us.

One observation is simply this that every song ever written or composed is contemporary at the time it is written. I know that sounds simple but many people who want to hold on to the old traditional music forget that the old traditional things themselves often went through a period of trials and tribulations from those who rejected them. To study hymnology and examine some of the songs that we treasure is to find that some of them were not warmly welcomed in their early days because of the text, or the music that wrapped itself around the text. They were contemporary songs.

At one time in church history, there were those who argued that only the Psalms from the Bible were to be used. That in itself creates problems. Are you going to sing the Psalms as they were written in Hebrew, or a

translation in English or other tongues? What tune would you use, since we do not actually know the tunes or the musical patterns by which they were sung? While every song is contemporary when it is written, there are some that are being called contemporary hymns today that are absolutely magnificent. Because they are contemporary, some people reject them and will not embrace them. That is a tragic mistake.

Whether you like contemporary music or not, it is hard to imagine that anyone with any heart for music and any heart for God would not be blessed to the max as a hymn like, In Christ Alone, is sung or presented. I do not know of a song of any generation that presents the Gospel, the glorified Christ, and is such a wonderful encouragement to the saints, any more than this modern hymn.

A second observation that I would make is that every hymnbook — and I think that I have sung through all of them since the 1940 edition of the Broadman hymnbook — has had additions and deletions. If you go back and look at those hymnbooks, you just have to say that you are glad they left that song out or glad that they added others. As with every age, there are new musical pieces that will stand the test of time and be

appreciated and used for years to come. Other pieces will be lost to any significant role in a matter of years. That is just the way it is.

That brings me to another observation, and that is that in time all songs whether hymns or praise songs can become traditional. In another decade or two, many of the folks singing some of today's contemporary songs will resent the fact that they have been replaced by other tunes and they will wish for the good ole days. They may struggle with the contemporary nature of the songs in the year 2020.

Those observations led me to some conclusions about what, why, and how we sing in our churches. In the words of the Psalmist, "Selah" at the end of a psalm probably carried the weight of something like, "Think about this," or "Stop and reflect on what you just said or sang." It is not what you are singing so much as it is to whom or about whom you are singing. Stated another way, if you and I are not focused on the Lord and either praising Him or proclaiming Him, we are focused on the wrong thing. It does not matter if you cringe and shiver over your dislike for some contemporary song or if you develop a severe bellyache because some-

thing is too traditional. Look beyond just the structural expression and see if it points you to the Lord.

Another take-away for us is to keep in mind that whether it is music, ushering, preaching, teaching a Sunday School class, participating in a committee meeting, or making a telephone call, attitude is vitally important. Oftentimes attitude can be more important than the actual activity. It is not just the quality of the music that is of utmost significance, but the condition of the heart.

A final note to keep in mind as you sing is that music is a great and wonderful vehicle given to us by God to be used as an expression of our hearts and for communication of the message of Jesus. Music is not to be a battleground of the saints. Music is somewhat like the manger holding the sweet baby Jesus. It is not the most important thing there though it is important, for it cradles the great treasure of God. When the choir sings Sunday, or the Praise Team leads out, or the worship leader encourages you to join in, ask the Lord to help you get a grip. Regardless of where you have been, try to avoid having contempt for the contemporary or being testy about the traditional. If you can focus on and get to God, virtually everything else will fade into insignificance.

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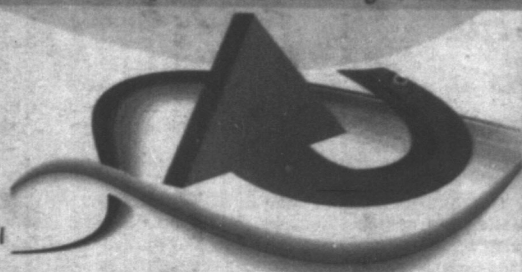
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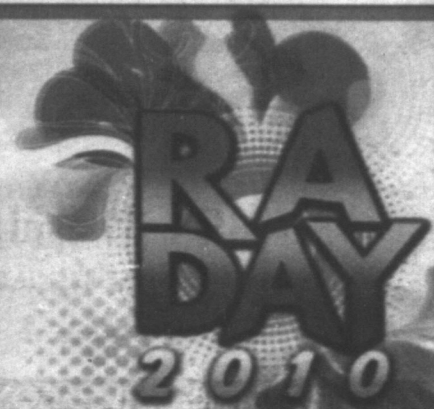
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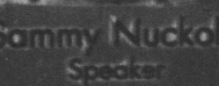
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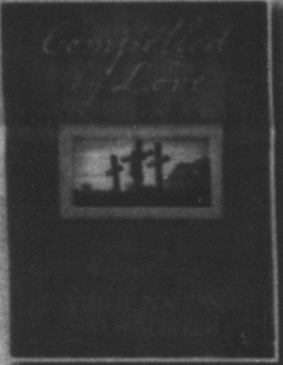
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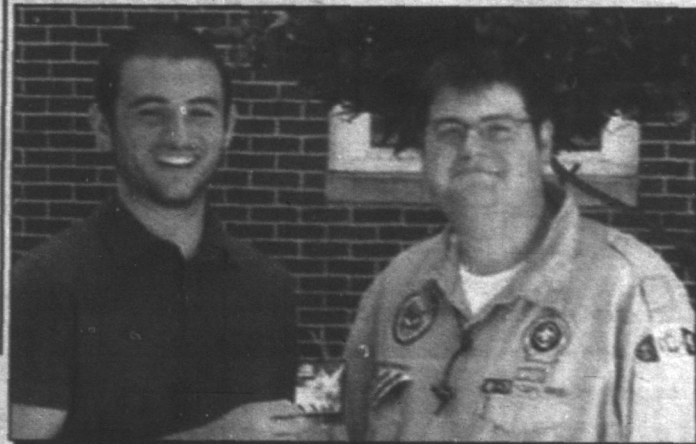
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- Bethel Church, Brandon:** 100th anniversary, Oct. 17; services, 10 a.m., followed by lunch.
- Sunflower Church, Sunflower:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Tue., 7 p.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Wayne Hudson, speaker; Steve and Becky Carver, music.
- First Church, Clara:** Homecoming, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.; Brandon Davis, speaker; The Meyers Family, music.
- Shelton Church, Moselle:** Homecoming, Oct. 10; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; P.J. Weeks, speaker; Phillip Butler, music.
- Crossroads Church, Petal:** 13th annual homecoming, Oct. 10; services, 11 a.m., followed by lunch and afternoon singing; The Faithway Singers, music; Jim Windham, pastor.
- Trinity Church, West Point:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 5 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; mini-concert prior to each service; Ted Burcham, speaker; Chris Craven, music.
- Courtland Church, Panola Association:** Homecoming and revival; homecoming, Oct. 10; Sunday School, 10 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch and afternoon singing; Roy Southern, speaker; revival, Oct. 24 - 27; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. with noon lunch; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Rusty Miller, speaker; Don Brummett, music; Charles Locke, pastor.
- Calvary Church, Natchez:** Revival, Oct. 17 - 20, 7 p.m.; Jim Moss, speaker.
- Jayess Church, Jayess:** 101st Homecoming, Oct. 17; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Michael Knippers, speaker.
- Holly Springs Church, Foxworth:** Homecoming, Oct. 10; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:50 a.m., followed by covered dish dinner on the ground and afternoon singing; Billy James, speaker; Ron Jordan, pastor.
- Mt. Carmel Church, Edinburg:** Homecoming, Oct. 10; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner; James Messer, speaker; Keith Fulton, pastor.
- Clear Branch Church, Florence:** Homecoming, Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Wilson Winstead, speaker and pastor; Dan and Bobbie Wynn, music.
- Centreville Church, Centreville:** 125th anniversary, Oct. 10; renewing acquaintances, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m., followed by dinner; Dennis Johnsey, pastor.
- Beulah Memorial Church, Bolton:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Steve Stone, speaker; Beaver Myers, music.
- Stringer Church, Stringer:** held a revival in August with David Miller as speaker.
- Cedar Grove Church, Lena:** Revival, Oct. 17 - 20; Sun., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Mike Stancil, speaker; One Way and the Leich Family, music; Henry Heitmann, pastor.
- Parkway Church, Kosciusko:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Billy Williams, speaker; Ronnie Cottingham, music.
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- West Drew Church, Drew:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Steve Howell, speaker.
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- North Greenwood Church, Greenwood:** Revival, Oct. 24 - 27; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., luncheon, 11:30 a.m. with message ending by 1 p.m., and 7 p.m.; Randy Turner, speaker; John & Beth Green, music.
- Cairo Church, Ecu:** Revival, Oct. 17 - 20; David Hamilton, speaker; Billy Nelson, music; Tom Sumrall, transitional pastor.
- Coopersville Church, Morton:** 75th homecoming, Oct. 17; Frank Edmondson, pastor.
- First Church, Oloh:** Homecoming, Oct. 17; services, 10 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Wallace Whatley, speaker.
- Coopersville Church, Morton:** 75th anniversary; all day singing and potluck dinner on the ground; services begin 10 a.m.; LaVerne Summerlin, speaker; Spoken 4 Quartet, music.
- Cedar Grove Church, Leakesville:** Revival, Oct. 10 - 13; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by lunch and evening service; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Doug Moore, Willie Austin, Tom Cheeks, and Greg Clark, speakers.
- Damascus, Flora, Metro Association:** will have its homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 10. Gospel singing hour at 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. and covered dish meal to follow. Pastor, Sonny Bradshaw.

COLLEGE NEWS

- Mississippi College** art student Bobby D'Alessandro, Cocoa, Fla., designed the patch used by hundreds of Boy Scouts at the Warren Hood Scout Reservation this summer. The work was judged best in the MC Art Department class taught by instructor Kent Mummert. Shown are D'Alessandro and Larry Cagle of the Andrew Jackson Boy Scout Council.
- Logan Strachan** of Walnut and **Charlie Cisco** of Lamar recently received Board of Ministerial Education Scholarships at the annual **Blue Mountain College Church Related Vocations Banquet**. Strachan received the William Clawson Scholarship and Cisco received the William Washburn Scholarship. Left to right: Doug Bain, chair of the Department of Biblical and Associated Studies at BMC; Strachan; Jim Futral, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Cisco; Bettye R. Coward, president of BMC; and Ronald Meeks, Director of Church Relations at BMC.



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Psalm 23:1-3

World Hunger Emphasis (CAC)

Pray for the lost of East Asia. There are many holidays coming up in that part of the world that offer a great approach for Christians to start purposeful conversations.

Pray for a team from **Clarey Baptist Church, Florence**, as they travel to Southeast Asia to lead training among an unreached people group, Oct. 17-25.

Pray for the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches in England. Pray that the Lord will make these churches seedbeds for growing men, women and young people into effective, vibrant Christians.

Pray for God to open doors to share through agriculture projects on an island in Southeast Asia.

Pray for those who heard the gospel for the first time last week from a team in Southeast Asia during an evangelistic push. Pray for God to give them dreams and vision to show them who He is.

Pray for: (1) MBCB Executive Committee meeting (Exec. Admin); (2) the right leader to be appointed as head of the International Mission Board.

Pray for E.B. who will be arriving in East Asia this month. Pray for her as she studies the language and helps out with campus outreach.

Pray for a Christian brother who works among refugees in Germany. Pray as he ministers to their needs as they are experiencing a very trying situation. Pray that through him God's love will be apparent.

Pray for a team from **FBC, Philadelphia**, as they travel to West Africa. They will work with a national pastor doing evangelism, conferences, and an eye clinic among an unreached people group, Oct. 14-23.

Pray for 300 delegates at a leader's conference in England. Pray that the Lord would use these three days to build a strong sense of gospel identity among these leaders as they seek to be a family of churches on mission.

Pray for: (1) Deaf Ministry Conference, Garaywa, Oct. 8-10 (MS); (2) 40 Mississippi Baptist pastors and music ministers as they travel to the North Coast Baptist Association in Ohio to lead out in simultaneous revivals throughout the association, Oct. 8-14.

Pray for: (1) Bible Storytelling Workshop, Garaywa, Oct. 15-16 (WMU); (2) a group of believers on an island in Southeast Asia who received training in sharing their faith through Bible stories. Pray that they will apply this training and fruit will result.

Pray for Roman, a Ukrainian church planter, in a central Asian country. He is awaiting a license to preach. Until that happens, he is not allowed to preach in his church. This country is making it very hard on Christians at this time.

Pray for: (1) E and I to grow strong in faith and to grow despite opposition; (2) all believers who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for courage to not deny their faith and for a supernatural ability to love their enemies.

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HOUSE TOPS

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

The Case for Jesus:

Why "Good" Isn't Good Enough

Isaiah 5:20-23; 6:1-5; Romans 3:21-26

By Rick Henson

The story is told of three men trapped on the top of a burning building. The building was too tall for fire truck ladders and it was too windy for a helicopter rescue. As the building succumbed to the fire, the men knew that they were doomed. Thirty-five feet away was the roof of another building. They decided they would attempt the impossible and try to jump to the next building. They agreed falling to death was better than burning, and the flames were beginning to engulf the roof. The first man to try was a couch potato who never exercised. He ran and jumped with all his might and jumped twelve feet, but fell to his death.

The second man was in better physical condition. He jogged regularly and ate healthy foods. He jumped an impressive eighteen feet, but also fell to his death. The third man was an Olympic champion in the long jump. In fact, he held the world record of over twenty-nine feet in that event. He readied himself and jumped with all his might, skill, and training. He jumped an amazing thirty-two feet, but fell to his death. Surely on his way down, however, he did not brag that he out-jumped the other two.

Yet many people today compare themselves to others and feel superior in ethics, morals, and choices. Most compare themselves with immoral people. Jesus described the prayer



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of a like-minded Pharisee in Luke 18:11, "God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax-gatherer," (KJV). We may feel that we do not sin as much as others, but we are all sinners who need a Savior.

Some people mistakenly assume that if they do their best and obey as many of the Ten Commandments as they can, God will be impressed and let them into heaven. However, James 2:10 warns us, "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet offends in one point, he is guilty of all," (KJV), and Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death," (KJV). Like the Olympic athlete who out jumped his friends but fell to his death, we may out do some in good works, but one sin is enough to separate us from God. We all are sinners in need of a Savior.

Some imagine that life is this grand qualifying round. You do

your best. All your good deeds are somehow measured and stacked up. Your bad deeds, sins, wrong thoughts, and moral failures are also catalogued and stacked in some grand metal storage building in heaven. When you get there a giant weighing machine examines your good deeds and your bad. You stand there sweating it out, when finally, it is announced that you did three more good things than bad, and you get into heaven. A party follows. Now aren't you glad that you helped that old lady change that tire, and that you did not smoke that extra joint that your best buddy Billy Bob tried to get you to do? Surely he won't make it.

What an imagination! But none of that is in the Bible. Otherwise we would need to re-write John 3:16 to say, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him, and his or her good outweighs his or her bad, will not perish, but will get into heaven."

In one college course I took, the professor graded our test

scores on the curve, which meant the highest group of scores received an "A," while the next highest received a "B," and so on, even if the top score was sixty-five percent correct. God, however does not grade on a curve. Jesus is the standard by which we all are judged and He is perfect, so we all fail the test of perfection. Hebrews 4:15 declares that Jesus was, "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin," (KJV). We all are sinners who need a sinless Savior to save us from our sins. Jesus is that Savior.

When Jesus died on the cross, it was not just some tragic miscarriage of justice. God intended for Jesus to die to pay for our sins. The world needs a Savior, for our sins are deadly. We are not graded on the curve, and we all deserve death and hell. Praise God He grades us on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus applied to our hearts in faith, and not on our works.

Henson is pastor of Oakdale Church, Brandon.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

God's Power Strengthens

Ephesians 3: 14-21

By Melleen Moore

When children are young, 'growing up, getting big and getting taller' are important words to them. It is a big deal to measure and record heights to see how much they are growing. For Paul, this prayer for the believer and the church was about growing and experiencing the fullness of God's love.

What we Need
Ephesians 3: 14-16

'What a rich prayer' Paul was praying for a people that he loves and feels a kinship in the faith. Paul returns to his thought in Ephesians 3:1 "For this reason" (HCSB); a phrase which he repeats in Ephesians 3:14 calling attention to the Jews and Gentiles in one body growing in the strength of Christ. He gets straight to the

point of bowing on his knees acknowledging the authority of the Father. The manuscript used in writing the Holman CSB ends with Father, however the King James Version adds "of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:14) which emphasizes reverence and sovereignty of the one true God. Paul addresses family of heaven and earth with the thought of saints who have already died and those living. The prayer begins with a call for God to grant strength and power through His Spirit. Therefore, the specific need of Paul's focus is in the spiritual growth of the body of Jews and Gentiles as well as on the inner man. With the empowering of the inner man by the Holy Spirit, man is renewed spiritually "according to the



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riches of His glory" Ephesians 3:16, HCSB). William Barclay in the Daily Bible Study Series explains that the inner man is capable of right and wrong reasoning, has a sensitive conscience and a will for making choices. With the heart and soul of the individual under God's leadership, man can live life to the fullest for the glory of God.

What we Receive
Ephesians 3:17-19

The gift of grace is received for the asking which places the Holy Spirit within the inner man in our hearts through faith. Much is said about the term 'dwell' and its meaning. However, to put it simply it is the permanent presence of Christ within the believer. So our strength comes from the indwelling presence of God, received at our invitation. God's love, being well rooted (growing deep) and firmly

established (solidly founded) in the church, gathers all the saints to experience His strength. God's love is measureless in length, width, height and depth. It includes the length of our lives, the width of God's horizon, to the highest heavens unto the depths of depression. It is the incomprehensible knowledge and unconceivable fullness of the Holy Spirit. We played a game as teenagers where a participant knelt in front of someone and said in a passionate expression "Smile, if you love me". The statement could be repeated three times trying to get a smile. The truth of God's love is that it is not a game and it is always smiling waiting to be received.

Whom we Ask
Ephesians 3:20-21

Paul answers this question quickly as He states "Now to Him" (Ephesians 3:20, HCSB). The timeless role of God includes His patient waiting to hear our petitions, for He is able to do far more than we

ask or think. With God's power at work in the lives of believers, anything is possible. Literally as I share this writing, I am having the Disney World experience. Today, I observed an earthly love that had no boundaries. A family composed of parents who had three birth daughters but chose to share their love with three disadvantaged daughters of other ethnic cultures. To observe this family of six daughters (ages 11, 10, 9, 4, 2, 1) sharing food and laughter, I was reminded of a living God who gives us far more than we even know to ask. Paul's focus as he closes this prayer is on the glory and honor of God through Jesus Christ. It is the fullness of His love for the church and for all generations. Now it is our turn to give praise for our God and for the local church through which we honor and serve Him. With God's power as our strength, what more can we ask?

Moore is a member of Macedonia Church, Petal.

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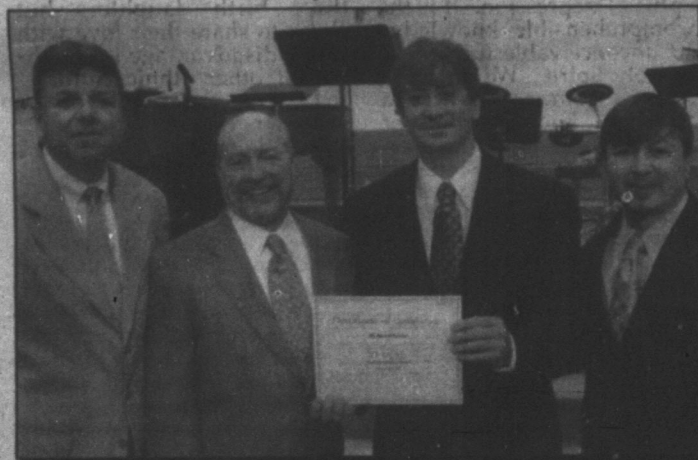
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1. Fulgham ordination



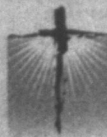
2. Delay Road Church



3. Palmer ordination



4. Scott County Mission Friends



MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. First Church, Kosciusko, ordained Dale Fulgham as deacon Sept. 19. Shown are Fulgham and pastor Barry Corbett.
2. Delay Road Church, Yalobusha Association held its Vacation Bible School June 6 - 9. Enrollment, 21. Shown are the participants.
3. Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, ordained Russell Palmer as deacon Sept. 12. Shown are pastor Tracey Hipps, Milton Palmer, Palmer, and Clay Palmer.
4. The Scott County Associational Mission Friends Day was held at Springfield Church Sept. 25 with 40 in attendance and four churches represented. Shown are the participants.
5. County Line Church, Union, received a certificate from the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission Sept. 26 recognizing 150 years of ministry. Shown are Glenn Jackson, Neshoba Association AMD and pastor David Jay.
6. Hopewell Church, Little Rock, recognized Gatha Lackey Sept. 26 for serving as Sunday School teacher for 60 years and church clerk for 50 years. She was honored by flowers from her family, a plaque from the church, other gifts and dinner in her honor. Shown are pastor Jimmy McDill and Lackey.

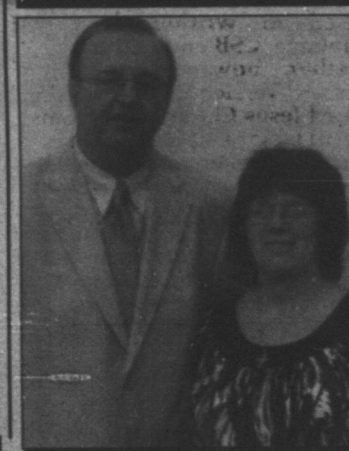


5. County Line Church, Union



6. McDill and Lackey

STAFF CHANGES



1. The Creels



2. The Joneses

1. Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, has called Danny Creel as music director. Shown are Creel and his wife, Debbie.
2. Madden Church, Leake Association, has called Jason Jones as pastor. Shown are Jones with his wife Rachel, son, Collins, and daughter, Caroline.



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1. Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland



2. Coy ordination



3. Enterprise Church, Enterprise



4. Star Church, Star



5. Trinity Church, West Point



MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland, elected Dennis Burrell and Mike Morse as deacons. Shown are Burrell, pastor John Thomas, and Morse.

2. First Church, Batesville, recently ordained Hunter Coy to the gospel ministry. Shown are Owen Riddick, Mark Jones, Coy, Tom McLaughlin, and Morris Baker.

3. Enterprise Church, Enterprise, ordained Tim Herrington as a deacon Aug. 15. Shown are pastor Macon Phillips, Tom Smith, Herrington, Celisa Herrington, and Colton Herrington.

4. Star Church, Star, ordained Frank Chance, Jon Linnell, and Chris Wood as deacons Sept. 26. Shown are Chance, Jerri Chance, Linnell, Libby Linnell, Wood, Nicole Wood, and pastor Vick Bowman.

5. Trinity Church, West Point, ordained James Bramlett and Billy Gibson as deacons Sept. 12. Shown are pastor Eddie Brock, Gibson, Bramlett, Golden Triangle Association AMD Dan Robertson, and pastor Mike Smith.

6. Bethel Church, Pearl River Association, recognized Royal Ambassador Drew Howard for memorizing 100 Bible verses. Shown are Howard and Robert Wheat.



6. Howard recognition



7. Military Church, Sumrall

7. Military Church, Sumrall, ordained Steven Coulter and David Farve as deacons Aug. 29. Shown are Candie Coulter, Coulter, pastor Mike Aultman, Farve, and Kaye Farve.

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